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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.

741805-1010

First Inventor

James M. Tranquilla

Title

METHOD OF REMOVING MERCURY FROM  
MERCURY CONTAMINATED MATERIALS

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EV 269329349 US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Applicant claims small entity status. See CFR 1.27

3.  Specification  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

[Total Pages] **22**

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed. Sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets] **1**

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages] **3**

a.  Newly Executed (original or copy)

b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & Documents(s))

10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney

11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).  
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## Complete If Known

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Attorney Docket No.	741805-1010

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1002 340	2002 170	Design Filing Fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant Filing Fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional Filing Fee	
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
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4 - 3** = 1	X 43.00 = 43.00	
	145.00 =	

## Large Entity

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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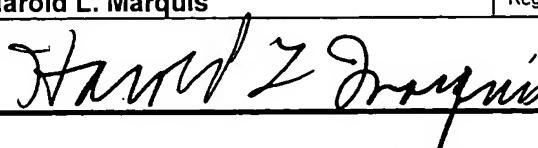
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive-unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	655	Petition to revive-unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee for provisional application	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited exam. of a design application	\$
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Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above case are the following documents:

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Utility Patent Application Transmittal Page  
Fee Transmittal Page  
Utility Patent Application Consisting Of:  
    16 Pages of Specification  
    5 Pages of Claims (Claims 1-33)  
    1 Page of Abstract  
    1 Pages of Formal Drawings (Fig(s). 1)  
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